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Committee Assignment: Senate Liberty 4

Bill #:SL-30

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An Act To: Amend § 114 of the Agriculture and Markets Law to make all animal shelters in New York State "No-Kill" shelters

The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:

Purpose

To mandate all New York state animal shelters to be "no kill shelters".

Summary of Provisions

Section 1: Definitions

No Kill: A "no-kill" shelter is an animal shelter that does not kill healthy or treatable animals even when the shelter is full, reserving euthanasia for terminally ill animals or those considered dangerous to public safety.

Euthanize: To put (a living being, especially a dog or cat) to death humanely.

Traditional shelter: An agency which is realistic about the needs of all animals, even if it means putting them to sleep due to limited space.

Section 2

§ 114. Pounds and shelters.

1. Each town and city, and each village in which licenses are issued shall, and any other village and any county may, establish and maintain a ~~pound or shelter for dogs.~~ no kill shelter for dogs and cats.

2. In lieu of or in addition to, establishing and maintaining such ~~pound or shelter no kill shelters,~~ any town or city, or any village in which licenses are issued shall, and any other village and any county may, contract for ~~pound or shelter services no kill shelters~~ with any other municipality or with any incorporated humane society or similar incorporated dog protective association, or shall establish and maintain, jointly or with one or more other municipalities, ~~a pound or shelter.~~ no kill shelters.

Justification Kill shelters are a cruel and inhumane environment to these helpless animals who just want to be loved. With New York turning to "no kill shelters", this will increase adoption rates, have healthy and happier animals and turn New York into a more humane state. "No kill shelters" have been credited to greatly reduce the number of animals that are euthanized which will help these poor animals have some justice. If a "no kill shelter" has no room for the animals coming in, it can be transferred quickly to another shelter nearby giving these helpless animals a chance to be adopted and live a life they deserve. As animals are being rejected and going back onto the streets because of traditional shelters, they are more likely



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to reproduce, resulting in more homeless animals but with "no kill shelters" it would decrease the amount of homeless animals on the streets and the reproduction of these homeless animals and bring justice to these helpless animals.

Fiscal Implications

Approximately \$35,000 to house about 700 animals per each shelter without veterinary care. Between \$150-300 is the approximate cost to euthanize one animal.

Environmental Implications

This will not have any effect on the environment.

Effective Date

This bill will go in effect one year after its passage.